

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all previous claim listings in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A damper assembly with a torque limiter, said damper assembly having a single torque transmission path between an input axis and an output axis, and comprising:

a friction torque limiter between said input axis or said output axis and an airtight damper, said friction torque limiter being in series with said damper and limiting the torque which can be transmitted through said damper,

wherein said friction torque limiter is disposed attached outside said airtight damper to configure a friction plate and includes a torque transmission plate fixed to a drive member of the damper, and a friction plate held in frictional engagement with said torque transmission plate by a press plate spline-engaged with an inner peripheral portion of a torque transmitting member and pressed toward said torque transmission plate by a press spring.

Claims 3-4 (cancelled)

5. (New) A damper assembly with a torque limiter, said damper assembly having a single torque transmission path between an input axis and an output axis, and comprising:

a friction torque limiter between said input axis or said output axis and an airtight damper, said friction torque limiter being in series with said damper and limiting the torque which can be transmitted through said damper,

wherein said friction torque limiter is provided inside said airtight damper and includes a ring member having a conical peripheral friction surface through which torque is transmitted in said friction path.